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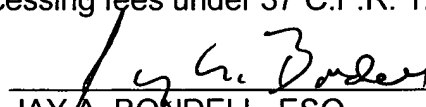
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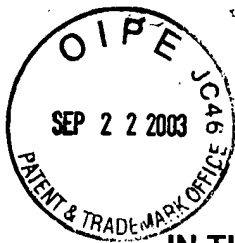
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Responsive to the Request For Election of September 5, 2003, Applicant elects the species as set forth in Figs. 1 and 2 for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant asserts that each of claims 1-10 read on the elected species/embodiment. Further, it is believed that all claims are generic to both species, as follows:

Claims 1-3 are method claims. Independent claim 1 recites the application of an additional force on the lift cage by means of a cable or belt. The species of both Figures 2 and 3 incorporate a cable 26. Both species also utilize a cable pull 25 (claim 2). The

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cable pull also may act on a limiter cable of a speed limiter 13 of Fig. 1 (claim 3).

Claims 4-10 are directed to a piece of equipment. Both species include means for producing an additional force and for applying the force to act on the lift cage (claim 4). The force-producing means in both species comprise a cable or belt 26 (claim 5) and use of a cable pull 30 (claim 6). The force-producing means may further comprise a limiter cable of a speed limiter 13, see Fig. 1 (claim 7) or a motorized actuator, see specification page 5, lines 17-18, (claim 8), or a manual actuator (such as a crank) (claim 9). Both spring 31 and weight 32 are energy storage devices (claim 10).

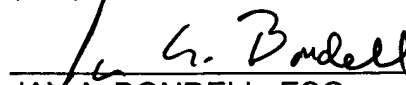
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are generic to both disclosed species and thus all claims can be examined on the merits.

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